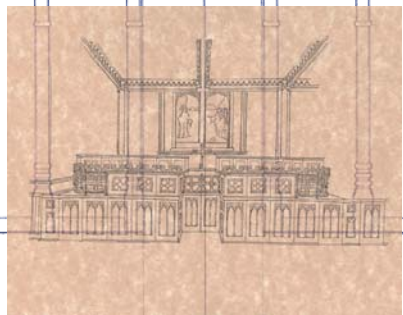


TRINITY'S COLUMBARIUM

Many parishioners see a need for a sacred place within our church building where cremated remains may be appropriately placed and thus joined in spirit with the Trinity community. Trinity's columbarium will meet this need.

What is a columbarium? Where will our columbarium be located? What will the space look like? How do I reserve a place in the columbarium?



WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?

A columbarium is a permanent resting place for cremated remains. Columbarium is a Latin word for dovecote, or a nesting place for doves. The Early Christians in Rome used the term to describe the catacombs where they not only interred their dead but also sought refuge and shelter for worship during times of persecution. The dove of peace, symbol of the Holy Spirit, has always been associated with the Resurrection.



Columbarium and columbarium box designed by M J (Peg) Chambers, AIA. Model maker: Ariel Torres, Office of Duo Dickinson, AIA. Box prototype by Office of Duo Dickinson, AIA

WHERE WILL OUR COLUMBARIUM BE LOCATED?

Our columbarium will be a separate, protected, and sacred space for prayer and meditation. It will occupy a 230-square foot area in the southeast corner of the nave, the corner nearest Chapel and Temple Streets. The image of Christ on the Road to Emmaus as depicted in stained glass by Louis Comfort Tiffany will look upon the columbarium below, just as the columbarium will look upward to the figure of the risen Christ.



WHAT WILL THE SPACE LOOK LIKE?

Designed to blend in with the early Gothic Revival context of our historic nave, the columbarium will resemble a small chapel with a central altar, surrounded by low walls containing hundreds of discrete compartments.

The compartments will contain beautifully crafted boxes. Each box will hold one person's remains. Each person's name will be engraved both on the box and on the outside panel of its compartment. The base of the columbarium altar

will provide a space for those who prefer the alternative of commingled ashes. A Memorial Book will record the name and location of every person in the columbarium. The space will also hold benches for rest, contemplation and prayer.

HOW DO I RESERVE A PLACE?

A sample contract outlining the fees and rules governing the columbarium is available at www.trinitynewhaven.org/columbarium, or from the Parish Office.



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